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### **FREE BUS RIDES FOR ONE WEEK**

Councilmembers Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, Hawaii Kai) and Nestor Garcia (Waipahu, Makikilo, Mililani,) have co-sponsored Resolution 03-267 urging the administration to institute free bus rides for up to one week in order to encourage riders to quickly return once the bus strike is settled. "The promotional offer will work toward restoring faith in public transit and start the healing process so desperately needed now that a strike settlement seems imminent," Djou stated. He added, "The City generated nearly \$200,000 in savings per day during the strike and a brief free fare offer can be absorbed out of the savings."

"We are hopeful that the union membership will ratify the agreement in order to restore bus service as quickly as possible. I commend my colleague for this creative solution to bring our bus customers back," added Councilmember Nestor Garcia. The resolution calls for a free ride promotion to be implemented as soon as possible. "We are asking the public to come back and ride The Bus," Djou said.

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